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FOR S/S-LARRY PIPER

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS P.)
SUBJECT: POST-MORTEM ON SECRETARY'S VISIT TO ALEXANDRIA

1. AMBASSADRO AND MEMBERS OF EMBASSY STAFF HELD POST-MORTEM FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, ON THE VARIOUS PROBLEMS WITH WHICH WE WERE CONFRONTED ON THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO ALEXANDRIA. RECOGNIZING THAT THE PALESTINE HOTEL IS THE ONLY FACILITY FOR THESE VISITS TO ALEXANDRIA, THE DIFFICULTY IN GETTING S/S INTO OPERATIONS WAS COMPOUNDED BY THE FACT THAT THE PALESTINE HAS A 2 P.M. CHECKOUT TIME. THUS RENTING THE SPACE FOR THE SECRETARIAT OFFICES AND THE SY COMMAND POST ONE DAY IN ADVANCE DID NOT GIVE US SUFFICIENT LEAD-TIME. IN THIS PARTICULAR INSTANCE THE INTENDED SECRETARIAT SPACE WAS OCCUPIED BY A SAUDI WITH A LARGE FAMILY WHO WAS RELUCTANT TO VACATE DESPITE THE FACT CHECKOUT TIME HAD PASSED AND THE HOTEL HAD A DIFFICULT TIME GETTING HIM TO VACATE THE SPACE.

2. THUS, WHILE THE RECOLLECTIONS ARE FRESH IN OUR MINDS, WE WANT TO ALERT YOU THAT, IT THERE SHOULD BE A SUBSEQUENT VISIT TO ALEXANDRIA, WE WILL REQUEST AUTHORITY TO RENT THESE SPACES TWO DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL RATHER THAN ONE. WE TRUST YOU WILL SEE THE
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